



A PEOPLE EMPOWERED



The Experience of the Kingdom

Acts 1:1-8

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Acts 1:1-3

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

“Those early Christians had no degrees from the best universities, they had been on no MBA management courses, gone through no psychological Myers-Briggs compatibility profiles, they had no

financial investment portfolios—but they had a revelation of God, a revelation of their inheritance in Christ and Holy Spirit power from on high. With this God took 120 people and shook the world.”

- Simon Ponsonby, *More*

Mark 1:15

“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Acts 19:8

Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God.

Acts 28:31

He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ — with all boldness and without hindrance!

Acts 1:4-5

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

“When the Bible speaks of being filled with the Holy Spirit, it is saying that one is consumed, taken over, impregnated, saturated, complete, and replete with God’s presence and power. To be filled with the Holy Spirit leaves no room to be filled with anything else.”

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Acts 1:6-8

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

“The Greek word for power is *dunamis* — from which we have derived words like dynamite, dynamo, and dynamic. Christians who are filled with the Holy Spirit will be explosive; they will make a noise and have an impact. Their words, lives, and presence will change things. It is the fullness of that power that Paul wants us to enter into. Paul declared that the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power (1 Cor. 4:20). Sadly, however, we often seem all talk and no power. Impotent, academic, and anemic, we have placed God in a box; we have domesticated God and rarely want Him to disturb us. But the Scriptures reveal a God who is all power, who breaks our boxes, shatters our bonds, shakes whole rooms, and turns the world upside down and right-side up. This Holy Spirit power was always the mark of the men and women of God in Scripture—power.”

- Simon Ponsonby, *More*

Song Lyrics:

Og er hún, inni hér
En hvar ert þú
Legg upp í göngu
Og tölti götuna
Sé ekk(ert) út
Og nota stjörnur
Sit(ur) endalaust hún
Og klifrar svo út.
Glósóli-leg hún

Nú vaknar þú
Allt virðist vera breytt
Ég gægist út
En er svo ekki neitt
Úr-skóna finn svo
Á náttfötum hún
Í draumi fann svo
Ég hékk á koðnun?
Með sólinni er hú

Song Lyrics Translated to English:

Glowing Sun (Bright Sun)
Now that you're awake
Everything seems different
I look around
But there's nothing at all
Put on my shoes,
I then find that
She is still in her pyjamas
Then found in a dream
I'm hung by (an) anticlimax
She is with the sun
And it's out here
But where are you
Go on a journey
And roam the streets
Can't see the way out

And so use the stars
She sits for eternity
And then climbs out
She's the glowing sun
So come out I awake from a
nightmare
My heart is beating
Out of control...
I've become so used to this
craziness
That it's now compulsory
And here you are
I'm feeling
And here you are,
Glowing sun

With Bow
Pre-Climax
 D5 E5 C5 B5 5x

Finger Picked
Climax

Cue all the samples
End
 5x